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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/25/2021

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FILER INFORMATION

Name: Baker Donelson LA PAC

Office:

Parish:

Election Date:

Level of Office: PAC

450 Laurel Street
Suite 21
Baton Rouge LA
70801

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: MO

Original Due Date: 3/10/2020

Date Filed: 3/25/2020

Activity Receipts: \$4,680.32

Expenditures: \$0

Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$7,225.27

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$3,000

Days Late: 15

Late Fee Order Received: 4/29/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/19/2021

Waiver Request Received: 5/18/2021

Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was faxed in by the PAC's chairperson Nyka Scott and she states that Mary Martin a former employee who filed the PAC's reports advised that she spoke to someone at Ethics at the time of the delayed filing. She explained that Baker Donelson was one of the first businesses in the State of LA to close due to Covid 19. She said the PAC has been diligent about timely filing its monthly campaign finance disclosures. Additionally her firm was dealing with one of the first known cases of Covid in the state and they closed all their offices around the time of the filing deadline and all employees were working from home. Any late filing was simply an oversight.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: yes

Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No

Prior Late Fees: No

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May 18, 2021

VIA FAX

Louisiana Board of Ethics
Attn: Melissa Horn
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Baker Donelson LA PAC – Late fee assessment for February 2020
Monthly Campaign Finance Disclosure Report

Dear Ms. Horn:

We are in receipt of your correspondence of April 27, 2021 assessing a \$3000 fee for the late filing of Baker Donelson LA PAC's February 2020 Campaign Finance Disclosure. Mary Elizabeth Martin, our former employee who filed our campaign finance disclosures, advised that she spoke with someone at the Board of Ethics at the time of the delayed filing. She explained that Baker Donelson was one of the first businesses in the state that closed down because an attorney in our Mandeville office was one of the first diagnosed cases of Covid-19. We became aware of this diagnoses on or around March 10, 2020 and we closed all of our offices shortly thereafter.

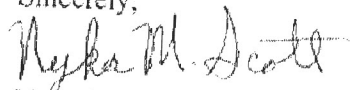
Ms. Martin has advised that she shared this information with the Board of Ethics and was advised to seek a waiver, which she believes she did. But, she never received confirmation of same. Ms. Martin is no longer with the firm, and we are in the process of reviewing her archived files for confirmation of a waiver request. However, in the event that there is no record of a waiver request, we hereby specifically request one. Baker Donelson has been diligent about timely filing its monthly campaign finance disclosures. Additionally, our firm was dealing with one of the first-known cases of Covid-19 in the State, we closed all of our offices around the time of the filing deadline and all employees were working from home. Any late filing was simply an oversight.

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Please contact me at 504-908-6952 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Nyka M. Scott, Chairperson

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